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MAKE OFFER FOR WATER SYSTEM

Grants Pass City Council Votes to Tender Rogue River Company \$65,000 in Bonds for the Plant

The city council at its session last night expressed its willingness and desire to purchase the present water system if its owners would part company with it in return for \$65,000 of municipal bonds, payable in 20 years and bearing 5 per cent interest. The question was raised on the presentation of a resolution by Councilman Davis, the purpose being to direct the auditor and police judge to communicate with the water company and see if they would accept such an offer, the proposition to be subject to ratification by the voters of the city. As originally presented, the resolution called for an offer of \$65,000, but this was amended to make it read that payment was to be made in a bond issue of that amount. Councilman Atchison objected to the offer being made, as he said he could not see that value in the plant. Mr. Davis said that a canvass which he had made showed that there was a sentiment among the people in favor of purchase, the popular idea of price running from \$60,000 to \$80,000, and the figure proposed in the resolution seemed to meet the general average of the public's appraisal. The resolution was adopted, being supported by the votes of Burke, Caldwell, Demaray, Davis, Herman and Trimble, Atchison voting no and Burkhalter being absent. It was indicated at a previous meeting that the water company would sell the plant upon the basis of a bond issue of \$125,000, or a cash payment of \$105,000. An ordinance was prepared and presented to the council providing for submission to the voters of the purchase bond issue, but the ordinance has never been acted upon. The ordinance introduced at a previous meeting, providing for the licensing of transient merchants, came up for final action, and was passed by unanimous vote of the members present. Under the terms of the new law a merchant who comes under the classification of transient will have to pay a quarterly license

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BULGAR MESSAGE DIRECT SLAP AT ALLIED NATIONS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Oct. 8.—The Balkan campaign is opening today. At the same time terrific artillery battling marks the front in the Aetolia and Champagne regions, while from Russia and the Dardanelles there is but little fresh news. In addition to giving her reasons for aligning with the Austro-Germans—a reason based largely on expediency because of Bulgaria's belief in victory for the Teutons—Sofia also made public her rejection of the Russian ultimatum. It denied that Bulgaria had employed Teuton officers, as Russia claimed, but maintained the right to employ them or any one the nation chose. It also asserted that Bulgaria might borrow from any one she desired, and to make any political affiliations she wished. The message is deemed here as intentionally insolent to the allies.

BULGARIA OPENS HOSTILITIES BY ATTACK ON NISH

London, Oct. 8.—Bulgaria has struck. Birdmen from her country soared over Nish yesterday afternoon, hurling bombs as they went, killing five and wounding two others, according to Nish dispatches early today. The craft was reported to have escaped safely.

TWO CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN CALIFORNIA FIRE

Needles, Cal., Oct. 8.—While the frantic father and mother stood helpless, listening to the dying shrieks of their little ones, the two children of J. Mardin, rancher, burned to death here today. Their mother was fatally scorched trying to rescue them. Mardin was awakened by the cries of his daughter, 7 years old, and his son, 4. A wall of flame barred him from their bedroom. After a vain effort to dash through it, Mardin fell almost unconscious from burns and suffocation. His wife threw herself headlong into the fire. As she dropped senseless Mardin carried her to safety.

TICKET SCALPERS REAP HARVEST OF DOLLARS ON GAME

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Oct. 8.—Cold and gloomy the world's series opening day dawned, driving before it a chilly night. A fine drizzle whipped the Quaker city fitfully, and gusts galloped down the streets, driving every one into hotels, except the ticket speculators. But it appeared certain that the two mighty nines would clash, barring the unexpected. Club officials were on the ground at daybreak, inspecting the field and the skies, as well as the 1,500 shivering baseball nuts before the ticket window. After giving the situation the once-over, the magnates announced that the game would in all probability be played today. Seldom in the long and variegated history of baseball has a gullible public been prodded in the pocket-book to such an extent as today. Scalpers, who seemed to have cornered the ticket supply, were fairly well along the road to independent wealth. Sets of three \$3 seats brought \$30 to \$40 without a protest. John D. Rockefeller and Andy Carnegie could hardly touch a \$5 pasteboard, so high were the quotations. It was impossible to walk along Broad, Chestnut or Market streets without being fairly mobbed by ticket speculators. Police, popularly supposed to possess an undying hatred for the scalpers, were conveniently absent, and the grand little sport of prodding the populace went merrily on. The betting odds were practically even. Occasionally a feverish partisan put up five to four on Boston's chances, but as often the reverse was true. The newspapers reported heavy betting, but if it existed it was not visible to the naked eye. One hundred and fifty of the nuttiest fans, mostly youths, braved the chill breeze from the ocean all night to be on hand at the ticket window at 11 o'clock this morning. By six o'clock the crowd had grown to 500, while at 8 o'clock it had swelled to 1,500. Heading the string were about 25 youths who frankly admitted they did not expect to see the game, but wanted to sell their places at prices that would make Charles Schwab blink. As the hour for opening the ticket sale approached, these prices skyrocketed with the abandon of Bethlehem Steel.

BULGARIAN MANIFESTO ISSUED

Balkan State Defiantly Casts Its Fortunes With the Teutonic Allies, Foreseeing Success for the Latter

Berlin, via Sayville, Oct. 8.—Bulgaria has joined the Teutonic allies because only in this way can all Bulgarians be united, according to a manifesto issued by the Sofia government. In return for the Bulgars' aid, Austro-Germany promised parts of Serbia, giving Bulgaria a frontier with Hungary, which is absolutely necessary to Bulgarian independence, the manifesto declared. At the same time the statement cast doubt on the good faith of the allies' pledges. Russia was denounced as seeking Constantinople and the Dardanelles, England as aiming at the destruction of German competition and France as wanting Alsace-Lorraine, with the other allies planning to rob foreign countries. The manifesto held up Austria and Germany as defenders of property and peaceful progress. It declared that Serbia is Bulgaria's worst enemy and accused her of oppressing "purely Bulgarian Macedonia with unheard of barbarism." The Teutons, it declared, are victorious on all fronts, and hence it would be suicidal for Bulgaria not to join them. CHLOROFORM AND BURY CATS WITH DEAD MASTER (By United Press Leased Wire.) Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Charles W. Grossman loved his two cats. He could not bear to leave them behind. So they were chloroformed and put in the same coffin with him, in accordance with his request made before death. LIEGE BOMBARDED BY ALLIED AIRSHIP FLEET London, Oct. 8.—Allied airmen are reported to have raided Liege. A Gemmench dispatch said five heavy explosions were heard from there.

GREECE WILL DECLARE FOR NEUTRALITY

King Constantine Holds That Treaty of 1913 With Serbia Does Not Require That His Country Join Conflict

Athens, Oct. 8.—Greece has decided to declare an attitude of benevolent neutrality toward the allies, it was learned today. The king declared he intended to engage in no conflict with any belligerent. The Grecian-Serbian treaty of 1913, he maintained, does not oblige Greece to do so in the present circumstances. Athens, Oct. 8.—Greece's new cabinet, headed by M. Zaimis, was sworn in today.

GREAT ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO LIFT FOG FROM WATERS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Oct. 8.—Solution of the problem of dissipating heavy fogs lying over rivers, harbors and in the paths of ocean liners is believed today to be nearer than ever before by scientists of national repute who are working on a giant electrical machine at the Panama exposition. The largest electrical transformer ever built, capable of transforming a million volts, heretofore considered impossible, will be used in the experiment. Scientists of the bureau of mines and the Smithsonian Institute believe the discharge of this high power will create an electrical disturbance and thunder which will cause fog to rise from the surface of the water. Dr. C. G. Cottrell, of the bureau of mines, is in charge of the experiment and is installing the transformer at the exposition. The first test will occur within a week, according to Dr. Cottrell.

BANDITS HOLD UP AND ROB TRAIN ON BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Two masked men early today held up a westbound Baltimore & Ohio train at Central, 50 miles east of here, and after uncoupling the mail car and engine forced the engineer to take them to Toll Gate, six miles west. There they rifled the mail car and escaped with a large amount of unsigned paper money and \$300 cash. At Toll Gate the robbers boarded an automobile which was awaiting them. Clarksburg federal authorities formed automobile posses at 4 a. m. and are in sharp pursuit. The unsigned paper money was consigned to western banks, mostly in fives, tens and twenties. Several hundred thousand dollars in unsigned notes is reported to have been the haul, though earlier reports placed the amount at \$1,000,000. That a third bandit aided the "get-away" was learned this forenoon. The trio got all of the registered mail, but reports conflicted as to whether or not the hold-up men actually did or did not get a vast quantity of unsigned currency aboard the train. They climbed aboard when the train stopped to take water, held up the engineers at the point of revolvers and forced three clerks to surrender the mail car. Surprised, they offered no resistance. Among the twelve consignments of unsigned bank notes sent out yesterday was one for the Harney County National Bank of Burns, Oregon. The government probably will have to stand the loss, as all the banks took out insurance with the government on the shipments. Washington, Oct. 8.—The treasury department said today that if the West Virginia train hold-up men secured a large haul of unsigned paper currency, it was just as good as signed money if put into circulation. Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Telephone reports this afternoon said a posse with bloodhounds had rounded up in the woods near Greenwood four men believed to be the bandits who held up a Baltimore & Ohio train near here today.

STRAHORN PLANS NEW RAILROADS EASTERN OREGON

Portland, Oct. 8.—Portland business and financiers were enthusiastic today over the plans of Robert L. Strahorn to build 400 miles of railroad in central Oregon which will connect existing lines in the state's interior. Strahorn's project includes: A road from Bend to Klamath Falls connecting with the O. W. R. & N. and the Oregon Trunk at Bend. A road from Silver Lake to Lakeview, connecting with the proposed Bend-Klamath line at Silver Lake and with the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad at Lakeview. A road from a point between Bend and Silver Lake eastward to connect with the O. W. R. & N. company's extension now being built westward from Vale. The lines, according to Strahorn's plan, which were outlined to a large number of Portland representative business men late yesterday, will be built by independent capital at a cost of \$6,000,000, but will have the co-operation of the railroads with which they will connect.

PRES. WILSON AND FIANCEE GO TO GET TROTH RING

Washington, Oct. 8.—President Wilson and his party, including his fiancée, Mrs. Newman Galt, left here at 10 o'clock today for New York. In the metropolis they will be guests at a house party given by Colonel E. M. House and probably will purchase the engagement ring and attend a theater. Tomorrow they will witness the world's series game at Philadelphia. A great throng was at the Union station to gaze at the future mistress of the White House. The crowd, mostly feminine, wished also to see the president, but because he was of less interest than another in the party. Plans of the party are so modified that they will spend another day in New York should Saturday's ball game be postponed by rain. It was understood that the wedding date has been advanced and that it will be in the latter part of November, simply, at Mrs. Galt's home. San Francisco and San Diego already are bidding earnestly for the honor of entertaining the presidential honeymooners, but they are still undetermined about their trip.

AMNESTY IS NOT TO BE GRANTED INDICTED MINERS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Oct. 8.—Blaming his change of mind upon premature publicity, Governor Carlson has announced that he will not grant amnesty to miners indicted in connection with the strike troubles of 1913-1914. He declared he did not want to purchase industrial peace at such a price. This significant announcement followed the action of the democratic supreme court in releasing on bail John R. Lawson, high official of the United Mineworkers of America, convicted as strike leader for a mine guard's death. Lawson has not secured bail early today, but was arranging it and expected to be able to leave the Trinidad jail shortly. It was hinted he would never be re-tried. Carlson once attacked the supreme court for disqualifying Judge Granby Hillyer from sitting in strike cases.

PHILLIES WIN FIRST GAME 3 TO 1

Series Starts With Brilliant Contest for Baseball Honors of the World on the Quaker City Diamond Today

Phillies' Park, Philadelphia, Oct. 8.—Grover Cleveland Alexander did the expected this afternoon and downed the Boston Red Sox in the first game of the title series, 3 to 1. The big Nebraskan never pitched a better game in some respects. Boston batters were on base in every inning, but each time Alexander tightened up and pulled himself through by his own efforts. Stock scored the winning run in the eighth. He started with a walk, was sent to second by Bancroft's single and both moved up when Shore also walked. Paskert, Cravath binged to the infield, which Scott was a bit slow in fielding and Stock came home. Cravath, however, was caught at first. Luderus scratched a single next, scoring Bancroft. Shore lost a tough-luck game. The breaks at all times favored the Phillies. Several times what should have developed into easy outs went for hits because of the slippery field. Shore allowed the Phillies only five hits, whereas Alexander was touched for eight, one in each inning. The Phillies got away to a one-run lead in the fourth. Paskert led off with a single, was sacrificed to second by Cravath, sent to third by Luderus' infield out and scored when Whitted poled a single over second. Boston tied it up in the eighth. After Scott had died, Speaker walked on four pitched balls, went to second on Hoblitzel's infield out and scored when Duffy Lewis laid a screaming single almost against the left field wall. Alexander struck out six men, making Lewis whiff twice. Shore's strikeouts totaled two. Alexander passed two and Shore walked three. Not an extra-base hit was recorded during the game and several of the hits were scratches. Each pitcher was responsible for all the runs scored against him. Boston "Royal Rooters'" club, refusing to be down-hearted, swept down on the field as Hooper made the last out of the game and paraded around the field to the tune of Boston's famous war song, "Tessie." Manager Carrigan made a last ditch effort to tie up the score in the ninth. He inserted two pinch hitters, but Alexander with the first game under his belt, tightened up and they died easily. Umpires Klem, Rigler, O'Loughlin and Evans officiated. The game was played in one hour and 58 minutes. Hundreds were turned away, unable to gain admission to the park because of lack of room. First Inning Boston—Mooper singled; Scott sacrificed, Alexander to Luderus. Mooper on second. Speaker walked. Alexander labored hard with Tris. He had him in the hole with two called strikes at start, but lost the advantage. Hoblitzel forced Speaker, Bancroft to Niehoff, Hooper on third. Hoblitzel was caught off first, Alexander to Luderus. No runs, one hit. Hooper's hit was on the second ball Alexander pitched and was a clean safety. Philadelphia—Stock fouled to Cady. Bancroft flied to Barry. Paskert fouled to Hoblitzel. No runs, no hits. Second Inning Boston—Shore had it on Alexander in the first. He disposed of the (Continued on page 2)